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UNDER ALLEN DULLES' NOSE

Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, should have been able to glean advance warning of the pro-Nasser coup against the Government of Iraq because it was planned in the shadow of Dulles' old Intelligence headquarters at Bern, Switzerland.

Frank H. Bartholomew, president of United Press International, reports that the Iraqi revolt has been given a "Born in Bern" label by Western Intelligence agents.

"A sudden increase in the movement of Communist agents by air from Moscow by way of Prague to Zurich and on to Bern, and of military and political representatives of the United Arab Republic, was observed and in some instances secretly recorded in motion pictures made at airports," Bartholomew wrote.

Allen Dulles had his U. S. Intelligence headquarters in Bern during World War II when he was European director for the Office of Strategic Services. From that city he operated a complex spy and counter-spy apparatus in Germany, Italy and other countries.

It's hard to understand how Allen and his brother, the secretary of state, were caught by surprise when the plot against Iraq was hatched in the city where CIA Director Dulles got his experience as Intelligence chief.